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## TRANSMITTAL OF TRANSLATION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith the translation of the International Preliminary Report On Patentability ("IPRP") issued in the corresponding international application. The international Examiner has deemed that claims 1-13 possess inventive step and industrial applicability.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00342-US.

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